



Union Council Agenda

Monday 9th December 2019

6.30pm

Meeting Room 1, Student Central

1. Adoption of agenda
2. Apologies for absence (for acceptance)
3. Pronoun policy

4. Co-opting of new Part-Time Officers (if relevant)

5. Minutes from previous meeting (to note) (PAPER A)
6. Update on Healthy Eating Motion – Tom McNamara
7. Update on Accountability of Presidents – Isobel Hall

8. **New General Business**
 - 8.1. M.1920 - 5 Motion for President team to lobby the University to improve their consent training for foundation and first year students (PAPER B)
 - 8.2. M.1920 - 6 Motion for President team to lobby the University to introduce Sharps bins on campus (PAPER C)
 - 8.3. M.1920 – 7 Motion to move Alcohol Initiation and Social Events policy to be charity operations policies (PAPER D)
9. **Any Other Business (AOB)**

Next meeting – Monday 3rd February 6.30pm, MRI



Minutes

Title: Union Council

Date & Time: Monday 18th November

Location: MR1, Second Floor, Student Central

Present: Jess Clunan (Chair); Isobel Hall (President of the Students' Union, PRES); Abi Morris (President of Inclusivity & Diversity, PID); Erin Pettit (President of Sport, PS); Simeon Orduen (President of Education, PE); Tom McNamara (President of Activities, PA); Nicole Steele (Student Voice Manager, SVM); Leanne Spencer (Executive Support Co-Ordinator, ESC – minutes)

Position	Name	Attendance							
		21 st Oct	18 th Nov						
Student Presidents									
President of SU	Isobel Hall								
President of Activities	Tom McNamara								
President of Education	Simeon Orduen								
President of Sport	Erin Pettit								
President of Inclusivity & Diversity	Abi Morris								
Governance Zone									
Councillor for Scrutiny	Miguel Beedle								
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT								
Chair of Union Council	Jessica Clunan								
Environment & Ethics Rep	Sioban Pickering								
Activities Zone									
Councillor for Scrutiny	Eleanor Woodhouse								
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT								
Chair of RAG	Jacob Thorne								
LINKS	Jack Wade								
Society Mentor (shared vote)	Huey Arslan								
	Antonia De Lancey								
	Monty Coyle								



Media Rep (shared vote)												
	Ellis Leonard											
	Maddie Callaghan											
HYMS Societies Rep	VACANT											
Education Zone												
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT											
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT											
Part-time Students Officer	VACANT											
Foundation Students Officer	Caspar Nicholas											
Mature Students Officer	Marc Brooke											
Postgraduate Taught Officer	VACANT											
Postgraduate Research Officer	Emily Birch											
International Students Officer	VACANT											
HYMS Students Officer	VACANT											
Faculty Rep of Arts, Cultures & Education	Eeshaan Singh Basu											
Faculty Rep of Science & Engineering	Sanaa Sabir											
Faculty Rep of Law & Politics	Katharine Coates											
Faculty of Health Sciences	Saalo Sparkes											
Sport Zone												
Councillor for Scrutiny	Ryan Parker											
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT											
AU Participation and Engagement Officer	Oghenetjiri Eruviadege-Cousin											
AU Inclusivity and Diversity Officer	Vanessa Igbenabor											
AU Non BUCS Rep	Megan Greenwood											
AU BUCS Officer	Jenny Lawrence											
Rep for Women in Sport	Lucy Satur											
Rep for Disabled Students in Sport	VACANT											

Rep for International Students in Sport	VACANT								
Inclusivity & Diversity Zone									
Councillor for Scrutiny	Jim Smith								
Councillor for Scrutiny	VACANT								
Social Mobility and Class Representative	VACANT								
LGBT+ Rep	Shaun Fraser-Mulligan								
Trans Rep	Hannah Burgess								
Women's Rep	Eve Kyte								
Disabled Students Rep	Chloe Marshall								
BAME Rep	Anotidaishe Manjanja								

1. Adoption of agenda

Agenda adopted

2. Apologies for absence (for acceptance)

Apologies received for Shawn Fraser- Mulligan (LGBT+ Rep), Marc Brooke (Mature Students Officer), Chloe Marshall (Disabled Students Rep), and Jenny Lawrence (AU BUCS Officer), Miguel Beedle (Councillor for Scrutiny – Governance) and Sioban Pickering (Environment and Ethics Rep).

3. Introductions and Pronoun Policy

Introductions and pronouns were given.

4. Minutes from previous meeting

PS noted that she and PA were not in the attending section at the top of the previous minutes.

ACTION ESC to add PS and PA to the attending section at the top of the previous minutes


Vote - 13 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Proposed changes to the minutes approved.

5. New General Business

a. M.1920 – 3 Motion to move the Zero Tolerance Policy to charity operations policies

PID explained that policies for Hull University Union (HUU) currently sit in two places, with the charity and with Union Council. PID said that the Zero Tolerance policy currently sits under Union Council and has to come to



Union Council for approval if any changes are made to the policy. PID proposed moving the policy to the charity so that it can be embedded in everything HUU do and can be amended as and when changes are needed.

Chair did a temperature check of who is for and who is against the policy moving to the charity from Union Council. The majority of Union Council moved to the “for” side of the room.

Chair asked if anyone had any questions.

Q. Will this be for all policies and will the process be different?

A. PID said that this motion is just for this policy and that the process will be the same

Q. Will this policy be reviewed if it is removed from Union Council?

A. PID explained that the policy will be reviewed regularly in the charity.

PRES said that the policy will be subject to HR processes and changes, this will make sure that it is up to date and that it is checked over by experts.

Q. Will it constantly be edited and kept in line with other policies?

A. PID said yes it will. Currently, if there were any changes needed, the policy comes to Union Council to have those changes approved. All charity policies are reviewed annually by the Trustee Board.

Vote - 13 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Motion passes.

b. M.1920 – 4 Motion to temporarily move accountability of Presidents to zone meetings as an interim measure until accountability panels work

PRES explained that the accountability panels are becoming a struggle as we do not have enough Councillors of Scrutiny and setting the meeting dates is difficult. PRES said that the proposal is to take accountability of Presidents temporarily into Zone meetings while we are figuring out accountability panels.


Chair did a temperature check of who is for and who is against the policy the motion to temporarily move accountability of Presidents to zone meetings. The majority of Union Council moved to the “for” side of the room.

Chair asked if there were any questions.

Q. How many Councillors of Scrutiny does there need to be?

A. PRES said that there need to be 10 Councillors of Scrutiny in post and 5 to attend the accountability panel.

Q. How does implementing it temporarily work, is it in a policy?



A. PRES said that it is not in a policy, it was in a motion passed at Union Council last year. PRES explained that it is up to Union Council to decide how accountability will work temporarily in the Zone meetings. SVM said that she will circulate the original motion to Union Council for their information.

ACTION SVM to circulate the motion to the Union Council

It was suggested that Union Council set an end date for the temporary move today.

PRES suggested that we review how it would work in the Zone and bring the findings to the next Union Council.

Q. How would it work in the Zones?

A. PRES said that we have been submitting a written report with top three priorities for that month and what they will be working on next month, this report will be brought to the Zone meetings. The Zone will have the ops plan for the president so that they can ask questions on this in the meeting.

Q. Could we change the number of Councillors of Scrutiny in post and the number needed for a panel to make it more feasible?

A. PRES said that the spirit of the original motion was that a person from each zone could hold the presidents to account so five Councillors of Scrutiny would be needed.

Q. At what point do we decide that the accountability panels are not working and scrap them?

A. PRES said that she is keen to try and get the system to work before giving up on it.

Q. Could we just have someone from each zone take on the councillor of scrutiny role for that meeting?

A. It is something that we are looking at. Chair said that this was also written into the original motion.

PRES said that she thinks that this needs some work and does not believe that we can solve it in this meeting which is why she has brought a motion asking for scrutiny within Zone meetings to be a temporary measure. PRES explained that the details will be discussed in the zones and bring the decision back to Union Council for discussion.

Q. Why is there a need for two Councillors of Scrutiny within the zones?

A. PRES explained that it is historic. Chair explained that it also prevents conflicts of interests.

Q. If we cannot figure how the accountability process should work, will this temporary measure become permanent?

A. PRES explained that it is up to Union Council to decide whether it should become permanent or not.



Q. What was the predecessor to this system?

A. PRES said that the President Reports would come to Union Council and the members would ask the Presidents questions on their reports.

Q. If we do approve, what will happen to the councillors in position?

A. PRES said that they will be at zone meetings and will be able to fulfil their roles there.

Vote - 13 in favour, 0 against, 0 abstentions.

Motion passes.

6. Any Other Business

Huey suggested that we send an email out to Part Time Officers who have not attended Union Council to remind them to send apologies if they are unable to attend. SVM encouraged Union Council members to talk to people in the zones about this.

SVM announced that Union Council is invited to see "Home Alone" next Monday. If anyone is interested, let SVM know.

PRES said that she has reached out to the University of Bolton Students' Union following news of the fire in accommodation to offer support. PRES announced that we are doing a collection, PRES will share the details of this. PRES said that she is going to speak to the University about the safety cladding used on the University buildings to highlight awareness of the safety of the accommodation.

Q. Can we donate things like blankets instead of money?

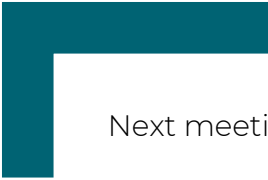
A. PRES said that we could have a collection box set up this week for items such as blankets and that she can take it on the train to Manchester.

Casper Nicholas (Foundations Students Officer) highlighted the HUSSO donation drive and explained that the collection point is in ground floor near reception.

Chair said that Union Council is a space where people can bring things to the agenda. Chair explained that members and bring motions to change things in the Union, change things in the University, and lobby the President Team. Chair said that if Union Council members want to know more about bringing motions, then they can email huu-council, ask SVM, PRES, or Chair for more information. PRES encouraged Union Council members to bring motions to the meetings.

Huey noted that we have a petition on the website to get the University to publish their investment portfolio and commit to carbon neutrality. Huey explained that we will be outside the Venn building protesting this and encouraged Union Council members to come along.

PID announced that the President Team are doing a Reclaim the Night march and invited Union Council members to join them. If they have any questions, they can contact her or Eve.



Next meeting – Monday 9th December 6:30pm, MR1



Union Council Motion

Title of motion:

The Union Presidents to lobby the University to improve their mandatory consent training for foundation and first years

Context of motion:

The current consent training is either non-existent or only consists of the 'tea is consent' video. This does not capture the nuance and situational differences in covering consent. Consent is such a huge issue on University campus that more time should be devoted to inviting discussions between individuals, and using evidence-based practices that encourage inclusive and interactive workshops.

Proposed resolution:

Make consent workshops mandatory for all first year and foundation year students in all types of accommodation. The workshops will be led by an individual trained best-practice for consent workshops. These workshops will involve group discussions discussing 'rape myths', various situations and what consent means. These workshops will involve some way to anonymously ask questions about consent. These workshops will be based on practices such as NUS'S 'I Heart Consent'.

Proposer: Evie Kyte

Secunder: Hannah Burgess

Union Council Motion

Title of motion:

Have the Presidents Lobby to Introduce Sharps Bins in Toilets across Campus

Context of motion:

None of the toilets available to Students or Staff have access to a Sharps Bin to dispose of needles and other contaminated items easily. Items that - for instance someone with Diabetes may need to immediately dispose of are;

Needles from Insulin Pens

Lancelets from Finger Prick Pens

Blood Testing Strips

Disposing of these items in regular bins is not only a contamination risk, as they also need to be incinerated to be disposed of correctly. But also considering they're designed to dispose of Sharps, it means anyone who may need to dispose of a needle for testing purposes are not able to do so safely. Putting publicly accessible sharps bins in places everyone can access, reduces risks overall.

Proposed resolution:

Introduction of Sharps Bins into all Disabled Access toilets, as well as the smaller bathrooms across campus - such as the ones in the library, the second floor toilets in Student Central

Proposer: Ellis Leonard

Seconder: Abigail Morris



Union Council Motion

Title of motion:

Moving the Alcohol Initiation and Social Events policy over to be charity operations policies

Context of motion:

- Currently this is a union council democratic motion
- We believe it should be business as usual and what we should just do therefore it should be a formal policy
- Want to move it over to the charity operations policies

Proposed resolution:

- Moving this policy to the charity operation policies would ensure that it is formally embedded across the whole organisation

Proposer: Abi Morris, President of Inclusivity and Diversity

Seconded: Isobel Hall, President of the Students' Union; Tom McNamara, President of Activities